

**REVEAL
KUROE-
SAN'S
WHERE-
ABOUTS,
IF YOU
WOULD.**

**WHAT
ARE YOU
PEOPLE!?**

**I'VE
GOT
PROOF!**

**ARE
THEY
REALLY
HER
FRIENDS
!?**
**A
CRAZY
BUNCH
LIKE
THIS...?**

**A
GRADE
SCHOOL
KID!?**

**THEY'RE
ALL
AKAISHI-
SAN'S
FRIENDS.**
**MY HIGH
SCHOOL
CLASS-
MATES...
AND A
GRADE
SCHOOL
KID.**

**HELLO,
SIR!!**



SHE
SAID "THEY
DON'T SUIT
ME"...

I TOOK
THIS THE
TIME I DID
KURO-
TASO'S
NAILS.

...BUT
SHE
LOOKED
VERY
HAPPY.





SHE
MUST'VE
BEEN GOING
THROUGH A
WHOLE LOT
THIS WHOLE
TIME...



...SO
THAT NO
ONE WOULD
FIGURE OUT
WHAT SHE
REALLY
WAS.



...HIDING
WHAT SHE
REALLY
FEELS
AGAIN...

IF
SHE'S
JUST...

...BUT...

SHE
MIGHT
NOT WANT
TO SEE US
ANYMORE
...

...ARE
YOU
SURE
ABOUT
THAT?



**...THEN
WE NEED
TO BRING
HER
BACK...**



HELLOOOO!

**EARTH TO
ARATAAA!**



OH...
UM.

YOU'RE
STARING
AT
PSYCHO-
TAN.

WHAT'S
UP?



HUH?

DUDE,
SHE'S
ALWAYS
LOOKING
AT THE
FLOOR.

AKAISHI-
SAN IS KIND
OF...COOL,
ISN'T SHE?



ギン
(GLARE)

BUT...

...SHE HAS
REALLY
INTENSE
EYES.

IT'S AS
IF SHE'S
ALWAYS
FIGHTING
SOME-
THING.



SHE
JUST
GLARED
AT YOU,
THOUGH?

UH,
NO.

SHE'S
LIKE A
SAMURAI
...





BUT...



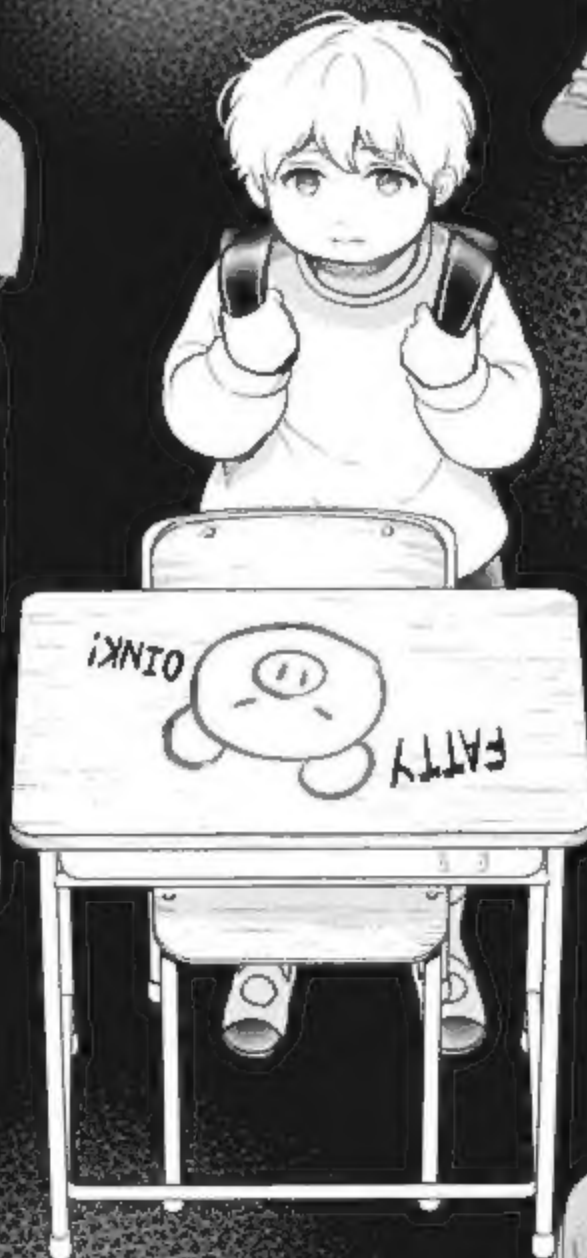
*...AND
ISN'T
SCARED
OF BEING
ALONE.*

*I BET
SHE'S
NOTHING
LIKE ME...*

FATTY  *OINK!*



*...EVER
WANT TO
GO BACK
TO THAT.*



*I
DON'T...*



YOU'RE
NOT
GOING TO
EAT?

(GULP
CRUMBLE)

AFTER I
CHANGED
HOW I
LOOKED...

SMILE!!

HEY,
ARATA.
CHECK
THIS
OUT.

BUT...

...LOTS OF
PEOPLE
STARTED
BEING
FRIENDLY
TO ME.



WHAT IS SHE,
A MEAT-
BALL!?

EVERY SO
OFTEN, I
THINK...

...IF I STILL
LOOKED LIKE
I USED TO...



IT'S
AMAZING
THAT A
TUBBO LIKE
HER HAD
THE GUTS
TO UPLOAD
A VIDEO,
HUH?

patel.00 : Lose weight!!!
mike_000 : Thar she bloows! LOLLOL
mumbug : How brave is this chick? LO
enlight3 : I think you'd be cute if yo
... That poor dress.



...NONE
OF THESE
PEOPLE
WOULD STICK
AROUND.

...I
BET...







OHH.

**THOSE
EYES...**

THEY'RE
AKAISHI-
SAN'S.

AKAISHI-SAN

**...BUT
YOU STILL
PULLED ME
OUT OF
MY GRAY
WORLD.**

**YOU HAD²
TO BE
HURTING
A LOT⁴
MORE⁵
THAN I⁵
WAS...**

**THIS
TIME, IT'S
MY TURN
TO PULL
YOU OUT.**





...DOESN'T
MAKE A
DIFFERENCE
TO ME.

WHETHER
SHE'S A
KAIJU...

...OR A
HUMAN
GIRL...



I SWEAR
I'LL
PROTECT...

...WITH
EVERYTHING
I'VE GOT...

...AKAISHI-
SAN...



**SO...
PLEASE.**

**TELL US
WHERE
SHE IS...!**



Minami-
kun...

KUROE'S...
ON MAULANI
ISLAND.

MAULANI
ISLAND...

...I THINK.

RIGHT.

... "I
THINK"?

I
COULDN'T
SAY.

...Where?

ZAWA
(MURMUR)

すん...
?